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Stationary Emergency Vehicles

The Traffic Services Section has received a number of calls from drivers who have been cited for a violation of the "move over" law expressing concern that the law was misinterpreted or misapplied. MCL 257.653a requires a driver, when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with overhead lights activated, to move over into an adjacent lane, if available. On roads with only one lane in each direction, or when it is not possible to move over into an adjacent lane due to traffic, weather, or road conditions, the driver is required to "reduce and maintain a safe speed...and proceed with due care and caution, or as directed by a police officer." Whether it is possible to move over, or what is considered a safe speed for the conditions, is a judgement call based on the specific circumstances at the scene.

UD-10 Truck/Bus Section Training

The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division and the United States Department of Transportation are offering two one-day training sessions on the proper completion of the Truck/Bus Section of the UD-10 traffic crash report. Topics include vehicle configurations, when a Commercial Driver License (CDL) and medical card are needed, and proper identification of the carrier.

Both sessions will be held at the Michigan State Police Training Academy on July 10 <u>or</u> July 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no cost to attend this training. Lunch and breaks are included. Please contact Ms. Josefina Romero at (517) 336-6489 or by e-mail at <u>romeroJ@michigan.gov</u> to reserve a seat in either session.

In Case of Emergency (ICE) Contact Information on Cell Phones

Many cellular telephone companies and <u>safety advocacy groups</u> are recommending that cellular telephone users enter an emergency contact name and telephone number under the heading of ICE or I.C.E. in their cell phone address book. While there is no state or national database for such contacts, first responders otherwise unable to locate a contact for an unconscious or deceased victim should consider checking the victim's cell phone for such a contact.

Please be aware that there are a number of <u>urban legends</u> associated with the use of ICE numbers and cell phones relating to spreading viruses or draining account balances, none of which are true.